

TY COBB EXPLAINS WHY THIRD BASE IS EASIEST TO STEAL—OTHER SPORTING COMMENT

COBB AND HERZOG DIFFER ON REASON WHY THIRD IS EASIEST BASE TO PILFER

Reds' Manager Blames Most Steals of Third on Men Playing the Bag, While "Georgia Peach" Contends Lead From Second Is Responsible

IS IT easier to steal third base than second? Ty Cobb insists it is easier to steal third. The "Georgia Peach" is not quite sure why it is easier, but believes it is because he is able to get a larger lead from second.

As it is the same distance between second and third as it is between first and second, with the catcher having the advantage of making a shorter throw, it would seem that Cobb's argument is correct, but Herzog blames the number of steals of third base on the men playing the bag.

Herzog argues that the throw to second is longer and the catcher invariably throws to a moving man. It is the custom of major league catchers to throw the ball about two feet to the left of second base if the shortstop is covering, so that the fielder can take the ball while on the run and be in perfect position to tag the runner.

Cobb's Slide Makes Third Easier

Herzog claims that Cobb finds it easier to steal third base because the baseman must have the ball before Cobb is within 10 feet of the bag, or he will find it almost impossible to tag him, as he must turn completely around after taking the throw.

After watching some of Mack's third sackers, including Frank Baker, miss Cobb time and again when the throw arrived soon enough to have retired the Detroit marvel easily, one is inclined to believe that Herzog is right.

One had argued that Lobert was a mark for a baserunner when he was with the Phils the fans would have resented it, but last season Whitted, Bancroft and others stole third and got away from Lobert when the Giant catchers made perfect pegs.

Perhaps the cleverest man in either league in putting the ball on a runner at third base is Bobby Byrne, of the Phillies. Herzog has always been rated as a star in this department, but he succeeds because he is aggressive and takes desperate chances in "riding" runners into the bag.

Detroit Greatest Bowling City in the United States

The announcement that Philadelphia probably would be unable to organize and finance the 32 teams necessary to make it eligible to compete in the National Bowling Tournament next month brings out clearly that there is little interest in league and match bowling in this city—although the game is growing in popularity.

Detroit, which is now looked upon as the leading bowling city in the United States, expect to enter at least 150 teams. The growth of the ancient pastime in Detroit has been marvelous. A census recently taken by the secretary of the combined bowling clubs of Detroit reveals the fact that there are close to 50,000 bowlers in that city, or one-fourth of the male population.

Little Chance for Seven-Inning Double-Header Rule

E. A. Batchelor, baseball writer for the Detroit Free Press, has suggested to President Johnson, of the American League, that both games of double-headers next season be limited to seven innings.

There are several reasons why this rule would be unsatisfactory in the major leagues. The Southern League has passed no rule limiting games to seven innings, but during the 1915 season all double-header contests were shortened.

Fans in major league cities are paying well for their favorite sport and would not like the idea of having a contest cut short, particularly if the home team happened to have an excellent chance for victory.

Local Experts Pick Reisel as Coming Pool Champion

Billiard experts believe that a man has been developed who can take the pocket-billiard title from Alfredo De Oro, the world's champion, and who will be able to defend it successfully.

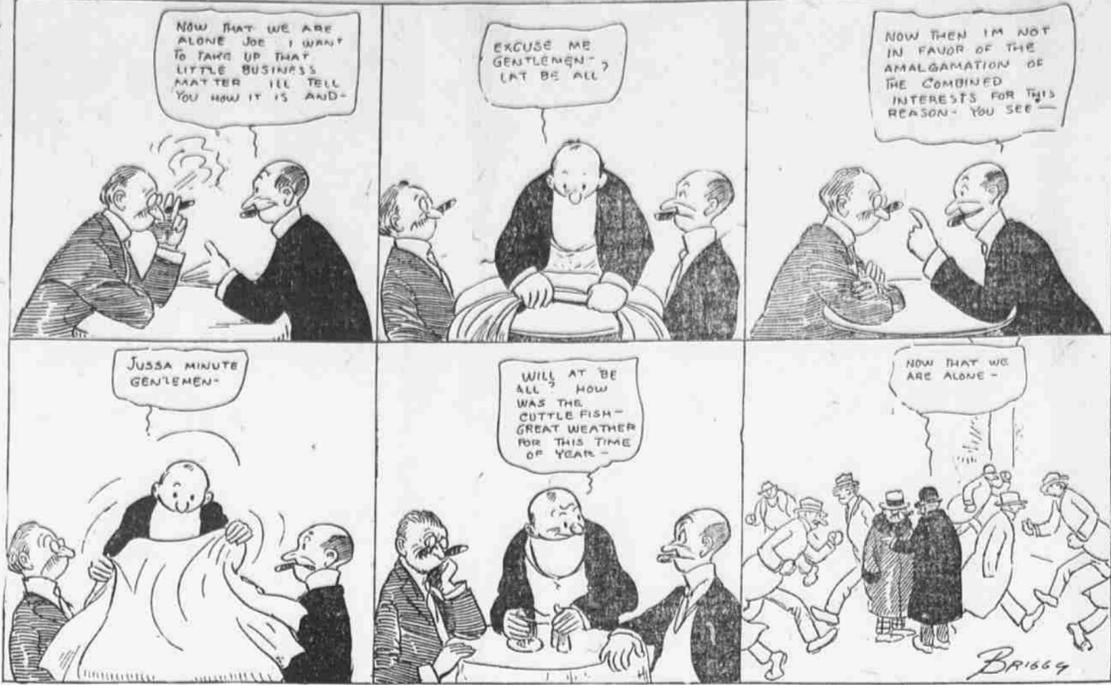
Reisel is young and has not had as much match play experience as Ralph and a few others who have won from De Oro, but could not hold the title. Reisel plays the style of game which should be effective mostly against the champion.

In his matches with Ralph, former world's champion, and Fink, former State champion, both of which resulted in easy victories for Reisel, the new marvel proved conclusively that he is a wonder at pulling almost impossible shots at a critical stage.

John McGraw is at it again. Two years ago the Giants' manager stirred up trouble by dickering with players of other teams when O. B. was staging its wonderful act of "saving them from the Feds."

The University of North Carolina has selected Tom Campbell, halfback on Harvard's 1911 team, as football coach for 1916. The selection of Campbell was a great surprise as his name had not even been mentioned in connection with the position previous to the meeting of the football committee.

THE FUTILITY OF TRYING TO OBTAIN PRIVACY



75 CANDIDATES FOR W. PHILA. HIGH CREW

Practice Begins in Gym Tomorrow—Ed Marsh May Coach Again

Seventy-five embryo oarsmen, candidates for the West Philadelphia High School crew, reported to Captain Forbes and Manager Brown in the gymnasium of the Orange and Blue school at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

It was announced three weeks ago that the call for candidates would not be issued until the first of March, a month later than usual, because the Red and Blue needed the machines now at West Philadelphia.

Manager Brown and Captain Forbes are endeavoring to obtain Edward Marsh, of the Malta Boat Club, to coach the eight again this spring.

Captain-elect Forbes is the only veteran from the championship eight of last season, while Dave and Bill Peaster are the only ones available from the second eight.

Twenty-seven games have been won by visiting teams in the Eastern League this season, but yet the home clubs have won 30 games.

When it comes to sticking, no pair of guards have a thing on Fox and Friedman, of Jasper, at this sticking club, which is a great test for the team, as one will not get from the sticking club unless he can stick the other.

Anything is likely to happen in the Interstate League from now on, as nearly all the best teams have their best players through graduation.

Swarthmore Preparatory School, with an entirely new five, has one of the best looking teams about these parts.

Not content to challenge the Eastern League champions to a series of games, the Interstate League officials have also sent a deft to the Pennsylvania League in order to make a more interesting why not a three-cornered scrap for the title?

Reading had won five of its seven games with the "Cannon Club," which is a great good indication that Reading has something on the "Cannon Club."

Eastern League managers will gather for a confab at Cooper's on Friday night.

TO DROP "CANNON SCRAP" Penn Bowl Fatality Influences Wesleyan University Students

MIDDLEBURY, Conn., Feb. 1.—Wesleyan University students, at a mass-meeting yesterday voted to abolish the historic "cannon scrap" which has been a feature of the college since the freshmen and sophomores for a half century.

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NEWS OF LOCAL BOWLING ALLEYS

The champion Switchboard again is setting the pace in Western Electric League. Sorekan struck his exit and cranked out a 237 score.

The Bears are going strong in Musko League, a special match between a picked team of Musko League and a Camden quintet will be rolled on Keystone Alley tonight.

Harry Mount had his new ball working in West. B. Smith ran against a hard front in Fica and lost the odd game.

All teams in Philadelphia League look alike to Liberty Bell.

Can Nook feels at home now and is knocking down double centuries with great regularity.

Six hundred or more for Fred Fok these rainy nights.

It took the tallenders, Progressive, to stop Avil's diving Underdown squad.

Scores of 1000 or more are of common occurrence on Keystone Alley.

Northwestern and Underdown are having a tussle for the leadership of Artisan's Section B.

Pirates occasionally have an off-night, but the continue to hold a good lead in Keystone Section A.

Boosters continue to set the pace in Keystone Section B and are a hard team to beat.

Edward bettered his position at the expense of the Rangers and is now within striking distance of the leaders.

Columbus continues to improve and is holding its advantage in Knights of Columbus League.

Jim Dalton is rolling a strong game for

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CONTROL OF NEW JUNIOR TENNIS UP FOR DEBATE

Interacademc League to Decide Whether Boys Can Manage Own Affairs

MEETING TOMORROW By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2E One of the most important moves in the new junior development plan in Philadelphia tennis, which Dr. E. B. De-

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MIKE SWEENEY BEST MAN TO REVIVE ATHLETICS AT YALE

Physical Director at Hill School May Be Named Graduate Manager at New Haven.

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL

When the Yale athletic authorities appointed a special committee of three well-known graduates, Vance McCormick, Brink Thorne and John Kilpatrick, to investigate the football situation and secure a coach, it was thought that their work would be done when a successor to Frank Hinkey was picked.

Yale is about the only big university in the country that never has had all its athletics under the direction of one association with a graduate manager in charge.

Yale always has been conservative, and since the present system won for so many years the Ells believed it would again strike its winning stride, although their rivals were finding that efficiency as well as athletic success were due to the installation of a graduate manager.

Yale is beginning to see the light, and such men as Professor Corwin, chairman of the Faculty Athletic Committee, as well as the Yale Alumni Weekly are advocating the new system.

With T. A. D. Jones picked as head coach of the football team, the problem is only half solved. Yale men seem to think that Michael F. Sweeney, former champion high jumper, now director of athletics at the Hill School, Potstown, is necessary to complete reforms.

Furthermore, they are willing to take Sweeney under almost any conditions that he can be secured. He would be acceptable as a track coach and football trainer or as a director of all athletics.

But how to get Sweeney is a different matter. If Yale has advanced any proposition tempting enough to get Sweeney away from the Hill School, a good many other universities would like to know as a matter of curiosity just what it is.

Sweeney has had standing offers from several of the leading universities of the country to act as track coach and football trainer. Both Pennsylvania and Yale have offered regularly for him within the last 15 years.

When Mike Sweeney left Pennsylvania and went to Yale in the summer of 1909, Pennsylvania tried hard to get Sweeney. Then when Murphy returned to Pennsylv-



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